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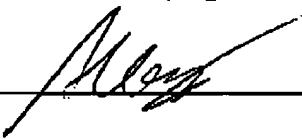
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Applicant(s): INDRANIL B. TAPADAR, ET AL						
Application No. 09/465,318	Filing Date December 17, 1999	Examiner Abul K. Azad	Customer No. 07380	Group Art Unit 2654	Confirmation No. 8752	
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING REAL-TIME DATA IN MULTI-ACCESS SYSTEMS						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 27 have been amended; we note, however, that claim 36 should also have been indicated as being amended.

Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. 103

In paragraph 5 of the Detailed Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 6, 12 to 16, 22 to 29, 33 to 38, and 39 to 44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,436,899 (Fujino *et al.*) in view of newly cited United States Patent No. 5,793,744 (Kanerva *et al.*). Given below is a detailed discussion as to why claims 1 to 6, 12 to 16, 22 to 29, 33 to 38, and 39 to 44 are patentable over the Fujino *et al.* and Kanerva *et al.* references.

By way of overview, in the Fujino *et al.* reference a multiplexed transmission system is disclosed. The system is configured by a sound coding unit for coding voice input information.